

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type internal combustion engine that injects fuel directly into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a nozzle body tip portion, wherein the nozzle body tip portion is formed with a nozzle hole to inject a fuel directly to the combustion chamber and formed in a protruded shape without forming a corner portion or a recessed portion on a surface thereof, and

a cap disposed on an outer periphery of the nozzle body tip so as to secure the nozzle body tip to a main body of the fuel injection valve, and

wherein a gap is formed between the nozzle body and a tip portion of the ~~gap~~ cap.

2. (Original) The fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein:

the nozzle body tip protrudes in a conical shape and the tip of the conical shape is spherical.

3. (Original) The fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein:

the nozzle body tip is spherical.

4-10. (Canceled)